

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

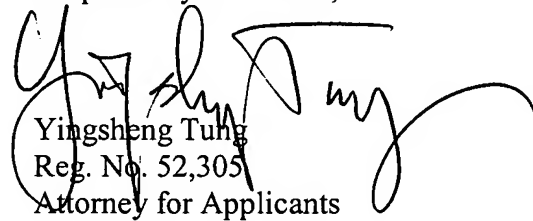
Applicants thank Examiner Pham for the careful examination of this application and for the clear explanation of the claim rejections and objection and for the conditional allowance of claims 7, 8, 13, 14, and 21. In response, applicants amend this application to put it in allowable form. The amendments include amending claims 1 and 8, canceling claims 3, 5 – 7, 9 – 14, 17 – 21 and inserting new claims 22 - 35. The detail explanation of the amendments follows:

1. Applicants amend claim 1 to include all the elements of the conditionally allowable claim 7 with its base claim 1. Additionally, claim 1 is amended to remove the antecedent informality. As amended, claim 1 is in allowable form and stands patentable.
2. Claims 2, 4, 15, and 16 depend directly or indirectly on patentable claim 1 and is patentable at least by virtue of their dependence on claim 1.
3. Applicants amend claim 8 to direct its dependency to claim 1. As amended, claim 8 stands patentable not only because of its dependence on claim 1 but also for the elements of limitation not disclosed in the Chang reference.
4. Applicants cancel claims 3, 5 – 7, 9 – 14, and 17 – 21.
5. Applicants insert new claims 22 – 35. The newly inserted claims are fully supported by the original description of this application and its original drawing figures and they distinguish over the cited references.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the amended application is in allowable form and the pending claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 15, 16, and 22 – 35 all distinguish over the cited reference. Applicants respectfully request further examination of this application in light of the amendment and timely allowance of the pending claims.

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